Executive Proclamation State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, South Dakota, named after an early settler named Peter Hoven who donated a parcel of land to the Catholic parish for a church site, first came to be in 1883; and,

WHEREAS, Migrants from Adams, Minnesota—the Arbach brothers and Peter Schneider—were the first pioneers to prove up the land just east of Swan Lake in what is now extreme northern Potter County; and,

WHEREAS, Barbara Hoven was the first postmaster when the post office opened in October of 1884, Nick Meyer and John Zweber started the first grocery store, and Math Hoven was the town's first saloon keeper; and,

WHEREAS, Though the town was plagued by drought, depression, blizzards, and several destructive fires in its early days, the community spirit prevailed and the people of Hoven worked together to keep the town growing and prospering throughout its first century; and,

WHEREAS, Easily the most visible examples of this togetherness are the beautifully ornate and structurally massive twin towers of Saint Anthony's Catholic Church. Built when the town's population was under 300, this awe-inspiring "Cathedral on the Prairie" is an exceptional illustration of what can be accomplished when the people of a community band together for the common good; and,

WHEREAS, The community pride in towns like Hoven contributes greatly to the high quality of lite in South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, This summer, Hoven is celebrating its first one hundred years with memorable festivities and commemorations:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 17-19, 1983, as

HOVEN CENTENNIAL DAYS

in South Dakota.



CHEROLOGICAL ACTUAL CHERCH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, In Pierro, the Capital City, this Eighth Day of March, In the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Three

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR